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LEFTIST FRONT LEADERS DETAINED IN TUCUMAN

PY162330 Buenos Aires Noticias Argentinas in Spanish 0201 GMT 14 Dec 80

[Text] Buenos Aires, 14 Dec (NA)--Jorge Abelardo Ramos, chairman of the Popular Leftist Front (FIP), has reported here that while a regional meeting of leaders of that party in the northwestern region was being held in San Miguel de Tucuman, "a large group of policemen suddenly broke into the meeting with a great display of force and detained all the participants."

Ramos says in a statement: "Tucuman provincial FIP chairmen Pablo Fontdevilla, Salta chairman Ana Maria Giancosa, and Santiago del Estero chairman Dr Raul Dargoltz are among those detained," adding that the others are a "group of prominent citizens, all of them leaders of the aforementioned provinces as well as of Catamarca and Jujuy."

In his communique, the FIP chairman states that "the reason for this meeting last night was to study and exchange ideas on the vicissitudes of the dramatic situation which their respective provinces are experiencing, afflicted by an oligarchic and antinational policy, like all the country."

After indicating that the detainees were put at the disposal of Federal Judge Rene Padilla, Ramos says that "the FIP National Board strongly protests these incidents, which confirm a complete disregard for the right to meet and the basic guarantees which the constitution grants to debate the fate of our country."

He adds that "in the case of Tucuman Province, this is the culmination of a number of intimidatory incidents and measures and of repeated detentions of members of our political group, which proves that there is discrimination against the FIP in that province. It is a new abuse of power committed in the guise of an exceptional situation, which it is urgent to end," Ramos says.

The statement also says that "incidents of this nature are in flagrant contradiction of the announcements made by the military government on dialogues and party reorganizations which involve unfulfilled promises of democratic restorations."

The communique concludes by stating that telegrams have been sent to President Jorge Rafael Videla, Interior Minister Albano Harguindeguy and Tucuman Governor Lino Montiel Forzano, asking for the release of the leaders detained in that province.

Released by Federal Judge Order

PY180218 Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish 17 Dec 80 p 7

[Text] The leaders of the Popular Leftist Front [FIP] from Santiago del Estero, Salta and Tucuman, who were arrested in a police operation while they were holding a meeting in the Tucuman Province, have been released.

The release of the 13 detainees-among whom were Pablo A. Fontdevila, Ana Maria Giacosa and Raul Dargoltz, FIP chairmen in the three provinces--was ordered by Federal Judge Rene Padilla.

49 PERSONS ARRESTED AT COMMUNIST YOUTH MEETING

PY180138 Buenos Aires Noticias Argentinas in Spanish 2150 GMT 17 Dec 80

[TExt] Buenos Aires, 17 Dec (NA)--It officially has been reported that 49 persons were arrested today by the federal police during a meeting organized by the Communist Youth Federation at a school located in the Parque Patricios neighborhood.

A communique issued this afternoon by the federal police states that the meeting was held at the Dr Ringel Blunn Israeli school, located at 147 Alagon Street.

The communique reports that the 49 detainees were put at the disposal of the federal judge.

RIGHTS GROUP ASKS VISITING PRIVILEGES FOR PRISONERS

PY171644 Buenos Aires Noticias Argentinas in Spanish 1427 GMT 16 Dec 80

[Excerpt] Buenos Aires, 16 Dec (NA)--The Human Rights Permanent Assembly today reiterated its request "that political and union prisoners be authorized to visit with their families at the prison in view of the upcoming Christmas and New Year festivities."

It was reported during a press conference held by the commisson at noon today that this request was delivered to Justice Minister Alberto Rodriguez Varela on 28 November, but it has "not been answered."

It was explained that in view of the lack of an answer, the same request was made to the military junta on 9 December 1980.

RELATIVES OF MISSING PERSONS SEEK COURT INJUNCTION

PY180208 Buenos Aires CLARIN in Spanish 16 Dec 80 p 8

[Excerpts] A group of Argentine citizens have submitted to the No 4 Administrative Court, headed by Jorge Eduardo Irusta, a petition for a court injunction in favor of 919 missing persons and against the government for "withholding information and obstructing justice."

The signatories of the petition are relatives of the missing persons. The writs of habeas corpus, criminal proceedings and administrative proceedings of these persons have been stalled because of lack of information required by the authorities.

BRIEFS

MINERAL EXPORT FIGURES--Buenos Aires, 11 Dec (AFP)--The Mining Secretariat reports that during the first 10 months of this year Argentine mineral exports reached the record figure of $57 million, which is a 108.8-percent increase compared to the same period last year. [Paris AFP in Spanish 0424 GMT 12 Dec 80 PY]

I CORPS DEPUTY COMMANDER--The commander of I Corps, Maj Gen Antonio Domingo Bussi, yesterday installed Brig Gen Juan Pablo Saa as deputy commander and chief of staff of I Corps. [Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish 1030 GMT 16 Dec 80 PY]

MILITARY COLLEGE DIRECTOR--The commander of military institutions, Maj Gen Reynaldo Bignone, yesterday installed Brig Gen Alberto Carlos Lucena as the new director of the military college. [Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish 1030 GMT 16 Dec 80 PY]

NEW GENDARMERIE DIRECTOR--The commander in chief of the army, Lt Gen Leopoldo Fortunato Galtieri, yesterday installed Brig Gen Osvaldo Jorge Garcia as the new national director of the gendarmerie. [Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish 1030 GMT 16 Dec 80 PY]

10TH BRIGADE COMMANDER--The commander of I Corps, Maj Gen Antonio Domingo Bussi, yesterday installed Col Oscar Luis Jofre as commander of the 10th Mechanized Infantry Brigade, based in La Plata City, Buenos Aires Province. [Buenos Aires Domestic Service in Spanish 1030 GMT 16 Dec 80 PY]

GOVERNMENT ORDERS REOPENING OF UNION BANK ACCOUNTS

PY172055 La Paz PRESENCIA in Spanish 11 Dec 80 p 10

[Excerpt] The government has ordered the reopening of union bank accounts and has instructed the national board for the control of union funds and properties of the Labor Ministry and labor development to administer these resources.

The union bank accounts were frozen during the second half of July 1980 when the boards of the country's labor organizations were declared in recess.

Government decrees No 17789 and No 17791 which authorized the reopening of the union accounts were approved on 13 November and were published yesterday.

FOREIGN DEBT PAYMENT DEFERRED UNTIL APRIL 1981

PY180057 Paris AFP in Spanish 0229 GMT 13 Dec 80

[Excerpts] La Paz, 12 Dec (AFP)--It was learned from official sources here today that Bolivia has succeeded in deferring the payment of $170 million of its foreign debt until next 5 April.

The indicated sum was due to be paid on 5 January 1981 by virtue of a commitment signed by the government of President Lidia Gueiler Tejada, who was overthrown on 17 July 1980. The term has been extended for 3 months.

It was reported that the deferment of this payment is subject to the agreements which Bolivia might reach with the International Monetary Fund, which demands the withdrawal of state subsidies to staple goods and the rationalization of state enterprises, which would mean the dismissal of hundreds of workers and employees.

It also was learned that Bolivia has contracted the services of the U.S. firm Salomon Brothers to renegotiate its foreign debt, which amounts to $3.5 billion, although the amount that this firm will charge for its services was not disclosed.

FIGUEIREDO RECEIVES INVITATION TO VISIT USSR

PY172051 Rio de Janeiro JORNAL DO BRASIL in Portuguese 16 Dec 80 p 4

[By special correspondent Noenio Spinola]

[Excerpt] Tbilisi, Georgian SSR--Edward Shevardnadze, secretary general of the Georgian SSR Communist Party, has reiterated to the Brazilian congressional delegation visiting this republic the invitation extended to President Joao Baptista de Figueiredo to visit the Soviet Union.

The Brazilian delegation returned to Moscow yesterday after an intensive program in the Georgian Republic which included everything from visits to the steel tubes foundry at the Rustavi iron and steel industry to question and answer sessions with members of the local administration, with the inclusion of a unique and certainly unexpected fashion show.

The deputies arrived from Leningrad and Kishinev, Moldavia, where similar programs were organized to give them a broad view of the country's political and economic life. Each reacting differently, according to the different tendencies of the electorate they represent, the Brazilian congressmen expressed good humor and surprise at what they encountered.

MONETARY COUNCIL SAYS NO DANGER OF RECESSION

PY172327 Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba in Portuguese 2150 GMT 17 Dec 80

[Excerpt] Brasilia--Within the economic guidelines approved today by the National Monetary Council [CMN], 1981 will be (?more) difficult according to the opinions of the businessmen who participated in the council meeting. The CMN stresses that there is no danger of recession.

BRIEFS

IRAQI MINISTER RECEIVED--President Figueiredo this afternoon received in his office Iraqi Finance Minister Thamir Razuqui who was accompanied by Foreign Minister Saraiva Guerreiro. [Text] [Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese 2200 GMT 15 Dec 80 PY]

SONDA-III ROCKET--The Institute of Space Activities has launched another rocket of the Sonda-III series. It weighs approximately 2,600 kg and is 9 meters in length. The Sonda-III reached an altitude of 239 km, making some important measurements essential for long-distance communications. It was recovered 3 hours after takeoff. [Sao Paulo Radio Bandeirantes Network in Portuguese 1000 GMT 11 Dec 80 PY]

ALCOHOL-BURNING CARS--The national automobile industry will be able to build approximately 360,000 alcohol-burning automobiles, at a rate of 30,000 monthly. The National Executive Commission for Alcohol sent a communique in this regard to ANFAVEA [National Association of Autovehicle Manufacturers]. The proposal made by ANFAVEA was to produce at least 600,000 alcohol-burning cars next year. [Porto Alegre Radio Guaiba in Portuguese 0200 GMT 18 Dec 80 PY]

PROJECTED EXPORTS--According to information released by the Brazilian Agriculture Ministry, Brazil next year will receive $3.2 billion for its exports of soybean grains, flour and oil. [Brasilia Domestic Service in Portuguese 2200 GMT 11 Dec 80 PY]

COSTA RICA

CARAZO PLEDGES INVESTIGATION OF STATION ATTACK

PA171338 San Jose Radio Noticias del Continente in Spanish 0100 GMT 17 Dec 80

[Text] Costa Rican President Rodrigo Carazo has said that the government is going to give all the help it can to the Judicial Investigation Organization [OIJ] and the national security office to investigate the attack on Radio Noticias del Continente early Sunday morning.

Carazo added that the national security office has already turned over all the evidence it found to the OIJ so the guilty ones can be punished. The president said the Costa Rican people must struggle so that those who want to convert our country into a battlefield will not succeed.

Attackers Identified

PA171259 San Jose Radio Noticias del Continente in Spanish 0100 GMT 17 Dec 80

[Text] According to today's issue of the San Jose paper LA NACION, Hugo Jose Villagra Gutierrez, a former member of the Nicaraguan national guard, has been identified as the head of the ultrarightist commando group that attacked the transmitter of Radio Noticias del Continente on Sunday. The transmitter is located in Grecia.

This was affirmed by Col Johnny Chaverri, assistant chief of the national security agency, who said the group was made up of nine foreigners. He said Villagra entered the country illegally in January and that on the 21st he asked for asylum at the Foreign Ministry.

Chaverri said that according to investigations, on Saturday, 13 December, at noon an airplane carrying seven men landed at an airstrip near the city of Liberia. The men were greeted by two men. One of them was Villagra.

Later, according to LA NACION, the men met at a house in Liberia, Guanacaste Province, where they received instructions. The paper adds that the men knew they were going to attack a radio station but that they did not know the details.

Chaverri said it can be affirmed that the nine men are Nicaraguans. All of them were either officers, noncommissioned officers or soldiers in the late Somozist national guard.

DUARTE COMPARES SALVADORAN, NICARAGUAN REVOLUTIONS

PA171513 Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish 0300 GMT 17 Dec 80

[Excerpt] Salvadoran President Jose Napoleon Duarte boasted to Nicaraguan newsmen who interviewed him today in San Jose that his country's revolution has a common denominator with the Nicaraguan revolution. The president was interviewed by the Nicaraguan press team that went to the Costa Rican capital to cover the meeting of the Sandinist leaders with President Carazo.

Duarte was interviewed on various topics regarding his country's situation and regarding our revolutionary process.

BRIEFS

INCREASED EXPORTS--Economy Minister Jose Miguel Alfaro reported that as of 30 November, Costa Rica had exported $110 million more than in the previous year. In this same period, the growth of imports decreased from 43.1 percent in January to an average yearly growth of 4.4 percent. This proves the effectiveness of the economy reorganization program included in the 1979-1980 national development plan. [San Jose Radio Reloj in Spanish 1730 GMT 13 Dec 80 PA]

EL SALVADOR

ARMY CONFIRMS DEATH OF U.S. POLICE ADVISER

PA180227 Panama City ACAN in Spanish 0204 GMT 18 Dec 80

[Text] San Salvador, 17 Dec (ACAN-EFE)--The Armed Forces Press Committee tonight confirmed the death of a U.S. technical adviser to the Salvadoran national police.

The spokesman for the armed forces institution said that Thomas Bracken, who is approximately 40 years old, died while he and several police experts were investigating the kidnapping of Rene Machon, president of the National Coffee Institute [INCAFE], who was forced by unidentified armed individuals on Tuesday night to get into a vehicle outside his house in the northwestern part of the Salvadoran capital.

"The group of technicians was ambushed by subversive criminals as they were carrying out their investigations," according to Col Marco Aurelio Gonzalez, a member of the press committee.

The preliminary reports obtained from police sources by ACAN-EFE indicated that Bracken (initially identified only as Mr Breck), was attached to the army general staff and assigned to the national police force. However, Gonzalez said that Bracken had "a personal contract" with the national police as a technician.

So far, the U.S. Embassy has not released any information about Bracken's death.

GOVERNMENT REPORTEDLY TO CALL PLEBISCITE

PA172146 Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish 0300 GMT 17 Dec 80

[Excerpt] The new government, which is attempting to deceive the Salvadoran people, intends to hold a plebiscite in the style of Bolivia's dictatorial government, to learn of the willingness of the people of the sister Central American nation to participate in elections in 6 months.

In a report supplied from the newsdesk of the (APIA) agency, we have been told about several revolutionary operations. Here is our contact with the SALVADORAN NEWS AGENCY [AGENCIA SALVADORENA DE INFORMACION]:

[Begin recording] It was reported that the military junta is preparing a decree to call a plebiscite within the next 6 months in order to learn of the Salvadorans' willingness (?to hold) elections.

COL ADOLFO MAJANO'S WHEREABOUTS 'UNKNOWN'

PA171938 Panama City ACAN in Spanish 1346 GMT 17 Dec 80

[Excerpt] San Salvador, 17 Dec (ACAN-EFE)--The present whereabouts of Col Adolfo Majano are unknown. Until a few days ago he was a member of the Salvadoran Government junta, and after being ousted from power he declared the government traitor and disloyal.

A Salvadoran Army officer who refused to give his name told ACAN-EFE that an arrest warrant has been issued for Majano and that an order has been issued for his expulsion from the country.

Nevertheless, relatives of the colonel have said that he has been neither arrested nor captured.

Another officer said Majano is in hiding, "but not underground," because being underground here is tantamount to armed rebellion.

The authorities will say nothing more than that they know nothing about the matter.

It has also been impossible to confirm officially the arrest of Edgardo Romero, Majano's brother-in-law, who always accompanied him as a bodyguard. Edgardo is the brother of Haydee Romero, Colonel Majano's wife. Majano has 4 children--1 girl and 3 sons.

Last Monday, after Majano called the new government traitorous and disloyal, two army trucks arrived at the hill where Majano lives and apprehended and took away one person, which seems to have been Edgardo Romero, whose whereabouts are also not known at this time.

All day yesterday and this morning journalists have tried to contact Majano by phone, but his phones have been disconnected and the newsmen who have managed to reach the house have found the place closed up. It is known that the security personnel who guarded Majano have left.

A "Democratic Military Youth" statement was made public today in support of Colonel Majano. The statement asked the army to "let us not stain our uniforms with the people's blood any longer." The Democratic Military Youth added that "coming events will define this political and military crisis."

Court-Martial Possible

PA171921 Panama City ACAN in Spanish 1750 GMT 17 Dec 80

[Excerpt] San Salvador, 17 Dec (ACAN-EFE)--Col Adolfo Arnoldo Majano, former member of the ruling junta in El Salvador, might be tried for "desertion or insubordination," official sources reported today. Majano has been missing since Monday afternoon, shortly after he held a news conference during which he called on the people "to unite and fight the impostor government."

HONDURAS

NICARAGUAN PLANES REPORTEDLY VIOLATE AIRSPACE

PA171336 Tegucigalpa Radio America in Spanish 1415 GMT 16 Dec 80

[Distributed by Inter-Central American Radio Organization]

[Text] Several push-pull planes of the Sandinist Air Force last weekend flew over Honduran territory in the southern region, according to a military source.

According to reports reaching Radio America, in Choluteca Department, on the border, several planes entered Honduran territory but did not make any attack. The planes flew over Honduran territory for several minutes before returning to Nicaragua.

Foreign Minister Col Cesar Elvir Sierra was consulted in this regard but he neither confirmed nor denied the reports. He said he knew nothing about it and that he would investigate.

Yesterday afternoon it was expected that the government would send a protest note to the Nicaraguan reconstruction junta over the violation of Honduran territory by Nicaraguan planes this past weekend, according to the reports.

BORDER CLASH WITH SALVADORAN GUERRILLAS REPORTED

PA171317 Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish 1800 GMT 16 Dec 80

[Text] Two dead and one wounded is the outcome of a clash between Honduran troops and a Salvadoran guerrilla group that entered Honduran territory, the armed forces reported today.

The clash occurred last week at La Perra Hill, San Sebastian, Central Department of La Paz, Honduras, on the border with El Salvador.

According to the armed forces, Honduran soldier Javier Hernandez Molina died and one corporal, whose name has not been released, was wounded. An unidentified guerrilla also died in the confrontation.

La Perra Hill is located near one of the territorial pockets claimed by both Honduras and El Salvador. This is a no-man's land that has been under the care of OAS military observers since 1976. These observers are there at the request of the Salvadoran and Honduran Governments. A full-scale war like that of 1969, which estranged the two countries, was thus averted in 1976.

NICARAGUA

FISHING DIRECTOR NOTES 10 BOATS HELD 'ILLEGALLY'

PA172122 Managua Sandinist Television Network in Spanish 0200 GMT 17 Dec 80

[Excerpts] The illegal capture of 3 Nicaraguan fishing boats by the Honduran Coast Guard last month brought the total number of Nicaraguan boats being held illegally in foreign ports to 10, it was reported today by Carlos Coronel, the director of the Nicaraguan Fishing Institute:

[Begin recording] We have lost approximately 10 ships in the Atlantic and the Pacific during the past few months, especially in the past 3 months, shortly after the case of the ("Gerdini"), whose captain was knifed by foreigners aboard the ship, which you all know about.

The latest case occurred last week. It was the case of the ("Commander Shaw") in the Gulf of Fonseca. It was intercepted by the coast guard and taken to a Honduran port in the Gulf of Fonseca. It has not been recovered, but the Foreign Ministry reported today that through the action of our lawyers we might be able to recover it tomorrow.

At 1700 yesterday, the Honduran Coast Guard seized another of our ships, the "Maria de los Angeles," which is also a shrimp fishing boat 70 feet long. The average value of each of these is 5 million cordobas, not counting the catch or the fishing equipment.

The Sandinist Navy, under Commander Richard Lugo, has already taken steps. The ministry has already issued instructions for the (?organization) of the coast guard soon.

The loss of 10 boats during the past few months is a significant figure. Previously, with the change in power, many ships departed that have not been recovered yet, including two shrimp fishing boats which had been here in Nicaragua--boats that were valued at 60 million cordobas each, a total of 120 million cordobas between them. These ships even had helicopters for locating schools of fish.

Negotiations Underway

PA171759 Managua Radio Sandino in Spanish 0300 GMT 17 Dec 80

[Excerpt] Nicaraguan Fishing Institute Minister Carlos Coronel announced in a news conference today that the revolutionary government is negotiating the recovery of the "Maria de los Angeles," a shrimp boat captured by the Honduran Coast Guard.

Minister Coronel said this is the second fishing boat illegally and unjustly captured by the Honduran Coast Guard. He announced that the Ministry of Defense will implement patrolling by coast guardsmen of the Sandinist People's Army.

SECOND PCC CONGRESS OPENS IN HAVANA 17 DECEMBER

FL171435 [Editorial Report] Havana Domestic Television Service in Spanish at 1356 GMT on 17 December begins broadcasting live coverage of the Second Communist Party of Cuba [PCC] Congress from the Palace of Conventions in Havana. Coverage opens with a view of the delegates. It has been announced that President Fidel Castro will read the main report.

President Castro enters the hall at 1358 GMT. Immediately afterward the Cuban flag is brought to the stage by Cuban cosmonaut Col Arnaldo Tamayo as the announcer reports that the flag he bears flew in space during the joint Cuban-Soviet space flight.

At 1403 GMT Army Gen Raul Castro comes to the microphone and begins speaking. At 1412 GMT he declares the Congress in session and ends his speech.

At 1415 GMT Luis Alvarex de la Nuez announces that the presidency of the Congress will be elected in accordance with a document which was distributed to the delegates. He announces that the agreements reached as to the agenda, election members of working committees and other matters needed for the smooth development of all congress activities are also being put to the vote of the delegates. PCC Politburo member Jose Ramon Machado Ventura asks the delegates to vote and announces a unanimous approval.

Machado Ventura then states that many comrades have died since the holding of the first congress and asks for 1 minute of silence. He then reads the names of the foreign delegates present in the hall and the audience responds with rhythmic applause. Machado Ventura concludes introducing the foreign delegations at 1438 GMT and reiterates his warmest welcome for all of them. He calls a 30-minute recess at 1439 GMT.

At 1511 GMT, following a 30-minute recess, the working session of the Second PCC Congress resumes. PCC Politburo member Jose Ramon Machado Ventura announces that he had failed to name the delegations from the Dominican Republic and Venezuela when he welcomed the foreign delegations. He asks that they be accorded a warm welcome and they are given a round of applause.

At 1513 GMT, Machado Ventura introduces President Fidel Castro who, after prolonged applause, begins reading the main report to the Second PCC Congress.

Raul Castro Speech

FL171610 Havana Domestic Service in Spanish 1403 GMT 17 Dec 80

[Speech by Army Gen Raul Castro, second secretary of the Communist Party of Cuba, declaring open the second party congress at Havana's Palace of Conventions--live]

[Text] Distinguished guests, dear comrades:

Before the beloved images of Marx, Engels and Lenin, of Marti, Maceo and Gomez, of Mella, Camilo and Che, and presided over by the emblem of our fatherland brought to this hall by the first Cuban cosmonaut, Col Arnaldo Tamayo Mendez, and by our party's red flag, both of which were taken into space by the crew of the first joint Soviet-Cuban space flight; just a few days before the 22d anniversary of the triumph of the Cuban revolution; and on the day marking the 150th anniversary of the death of Simon Bolivar, the liberator of America, we begin the Second Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba. [applause]

In this way we are fulfilling the obligations set forth in the statutes of our party, as approved by the first congress, which was held exactly 5 years ago today and whose theses and resolutions have guided the creative efforts of our working class, of the working peasants and of the revolutionary intellectuals, as well as the activities of the party leaders during this time.

The efficient work of the first congress, which under the productive leadership of Comrade Fidel Castro successfully carried out the intense tasks historically incumbent upon it, makes it possible today for this second congress to concentrate the intelligence and the determination of Cuban communists--fittingly and legitimately embodied in the representatives elected throughout the country--on a much less extensive agenda, and above all, to analyze how the resolutions of the first congress have been fulfilled. On this basis we will be able to evaluate how the building of socialism has progressed in our country and to assess the international situation with a view to mapping the path to be followed during the 1981 5-year period.

In anticipation of and as a guarantee of the work of this second congress, we have had the preparatory phase carried out by the party organizations and entities and the Central Committee plenums. This preparatory phase has involved an analysis during the past 2 years of the fulfillment of the agreements of the first congress, and the evaluation meeting process begun at the beginning of this year.

A fundamental aspect of the preparatory phase was the study and discussion of two of the principal documents which will have to be studied and approved at this second summit meeting of Cuban communists: the party statutes, and the economic and social guidelines for the 1981 5-year period. The draft bill to modify the statutes has been discussed by the entire party, with the participation of 83 percent of the members and candidate members. Based on the experiences gained from their practical application and on the current state of our political, economic and social development, the 10th plenum of the Central Committee approved the bill to modify the statutes, which will be analyzed at our congress.

The economic and social guidelines for the 1981 5-year period--a document of great importance to the future development of our revolution--was discussed by the entire party, by the Union of Communist Youth, by the working people and by the leadership entities of the mass organizations, which formulated more than 7,500 proposals for modification or suggestions, many of which helped considerably to enrich the bill and make it objective.

During the organization of this congress, the validity of the theses approved by the first congress and of the programmatic platform in which they are contained became evident. The projections and objectives contained in these documents are still valid, on the whole, and retain their validity as guiding documents for the 5-year period we are embarking upon and for the future. This explains why the central preparatory commission agreed, and why the 10th Central Committee plenum ratified, the proposal to submit for the consideration of the second congress a series of draft resolutions on the theses and the programmatic platform in order to set down the accomplished tasks and the pending tasks for the forthcoming 5-year period.

Comrades, at this time we remember and pay a tribute of permanent gratitude, admiration and respect to the builders and precursors of the Cuban people's 100-year-old struggle to gain national independence and social emancipation and to all those who helped to bring about the revolutionary victory and who bequeathed to us the undying example of their lives, which they devoted to the cause of national liberation and of socialism.

We are joined by 142 delegations from fraternal parties, revolutionary movements, national democratic parties, socialist parties and progressive organizations throughout the world, as well as by a large number of personalities from the worldwide revolutionary and communist movement. We greet all of them with fraternal affection and we express to them our most sincere gratitude for having accepted the invitation to participate in our second congress [applause] and for honoring us by their presence here.

In order to hold this second congress, 1,780 delegates have been chosen at provincial assemblies, at party conferences, at the FAR, at the Interior Ministry, as well as at work centers and at military units chosen for the purpose. Of these delegates, 1,772 are present; 8 are absent for good reasons. The delegates present here represent all the members and candidate members. Since we have the required quorum, and fully confident that our work will be successful, I hereby declare open the Second Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba. [applause]

GDR DELEGATION ATTENDS MEETING ON ISLE OF YOUTH

LD161132 East Berlin ADN International Service in German 0909 GMT 16 Dec 80

[Text] Havana, 16 (ADN)--A friendship meeting took place in Nueva Gerona on the Isle of Youth with the SED Central Committee Delegation which is attending the Second Congress of the Cuban Communist Party [PCC].

The head of the delegation, Hermann Axen, Politburo member and secretary of the SED Central Committee, congratulated the workers of the newly constructed "Second Congress" fine ceramic factory and GDR specialists on the commissioning of the workers to mark the the start of the congress on Wednesday. Armando Hart, member of the PCC Central Committee Politburo, expressed his thanks for the rapid implementation of the agreement on equipping the works with machinery from the GDR concluded by Erich Honecker and Fidel Castro during the friendship visit to Cuba last May.

By ensuring that the factory went into operation on schedule, Cuban workers and GDR experts made an outstanidng contribution toward preparing for the PCC congress, Hermann Axen stressed. A new branch of industry has thus been created in socialist Cuba.

Further Details

LD161410 East Berlin Voice of the GDR Domestic Service in German 1000 GMT 16 Dec 80

[Text] The GDR people's admiration and solidarity with the socialist development in Cuba and the country's struggle against U.S. imperialism has been stressed by Hermann Axen. The head of the SED delegation to the Second Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba [PCC] which begins tomorrow drew attention at a friendship meeting marking the handing over of a GDR-constructed ceramics works to important successes in the economy, science, culture, health and education. These are true evidence of the creative force of free people who under socialist conditions have achieved a level of development which is an inspiration to all Latin America.

Armando Hart, PCC Politburo member, thanked the GDR for its international aid. The SED, he said, proves by its policy and actions that it has deep understanding for the liberation struggle of the peoples of Asia, Africa and Latin America. Armando Hart expressly praised the GDR's consistent ideological struggle in central Europe (?and against NATO decisions) and imperialism.

HUNGARIAN DELEGATION VISITS FARM, SATELLITE CENTER

LD172214 Budapest MTI in English 1101 GMT 16 Dec 80

[Text] Havana, 16 Dec (MTI)--MTI's special correspondent Laszlo Marton reports:

The Hungarian party delegation to the 2nd Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba Monday paid a visit to the "Valle de Picadura" model cattle farm, and then to the "Caribe" intersputnik telecommunications station linking Cuba with the rest of the socialist countries. The delegation comprising Dr Mihaly Korom, member of the Hungarian Socialist Workers Party [HSWP] Political Committee, secretary of the HSWP Central Committee; Karoly Grosz, member of the HSWP Central Committee, first secretary of the local [HSWP] committee of county Borsod-Abauj-Zemplen, and Jeno Jakus, Hungarian ambassador to Havana, were (?received) in the model farm by local leaders of party and mass organizations and economic managers.

VNA REPORTS VIETNAMESE DELEGATION'S ACTIVITIES

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[Text] Hanoi VNA December 17--Tran Quoc Hoan, Political Bureau member of the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee and head of the Vietnamese party delegation to the Second Congress of the Communist Party of Cuba, yesterday called on the Cuban Committee for Solidarity with Vietnam, reports VNA's correspondent in Havana.

He was warmly welcomed by R. Rodriguez, president of the host committee.

Tran Quoc Hoan expressed gratitude to the Cuban committee for its contributions to consolidating and developing the close friendship between the Vietnamese and Cuban people. He expressed joy at Cuba's progress and reaffirmed his belief that under the leadership of the Communist Party of Cuba, the Cuban people will record yet greater successes.

On the same day, the Vietnamese delegation toured the Ariguanibo textile mill and Ben Tre Village on the outskirts of Havana. (Ben Tre is a South Vietnam province noted for its heroic struggle during the war against U.S. aggression.)

CUBA SIGNS AGREEMENTS WITH UN ORGANIZATIONS

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[Text] Two important agreements signed by Cuba with international organizations will make it possible for our country to receive aid for piscicultural development and the intensive and diversified production of fruits and vegetables in Camalote, Camaguey Province. The agreement signed with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization provides for the artificial breeding of fish not in only freshwater tanks but also in coastal areas.

The other project signed with the UN International Fund for Agricultural Development grants a credit of nearly 14.5 million dollars to be paid back in 20 years at a low interest rate. Those funds will be used to organize a farm in Camalote for the intensive, diversified and highly technical cultivation of fruits and vegetables.

COLOMBIA

HIJACKED AVIANCA PLANE RETURNS FROM HAVANA

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[Excerpt] Havana, 17 Dec (EFE)--A Colombian Avianca Boeing 727 plane took off from Jose Marti airport at 1504 GMT today, ending the hijacking by a group of 19 April Movement guerrillas which began Monday in Colombia and ended Tuesday in Cuba.

The 51 passengers and 6 crew members, who returned "safe and sound" to their country after resting in a hotel at a Cuban beach, were very grateful to the Cuban authorities for the facilities and attentions extended to them.

M-19 SEIZES RADIO STATION, BROADCASTS SLOGANS

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[Excerpt] Cali, Colombia, 15 Dec (EFE)--A commando group of the 19 April Movement, M-19, this evening seized Radio Pacifico de Cali and broadcast proclamations about the movement and liberator Simon Bolivar.

Seven guerrillas, including two women, arrived at the radio station, which is owned by Radio Cadena Nacional, and forced the employees to stop the regular program and to broadcast subversive slogans.

When authorities arrived at the radio station, in north Cali, they found no trace of the guerrillas.

ECUADOR

CABINET SAYS 1981 WILL BE FISCALLY DIFFICULT

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[Text] In its last session of 1980, the cabinet warned that 1981 will be a difficult year for the Ecuadorean economy and put the economic front, made up of the ministers of finance, commerce and industry and natural resources, in charge of adopting pertinent corrective measures.

According to Osvaldo Hurtado, vice president of the republic and head of the National Development Council, the inflation rate has reached 16 percent and will go up to 17 percent. He said that the reason for this is the social measures that were approved by the congress and signed by President Jaime Roldos. These measures include a 50-percent increase in the base salary making it 4,000 sucres, $160, per month and 5,200 sucres, $200, for teachers and the implementation of the 40-hour work week.

Oil revenues will finance 28 percent of the state's 1981 general budget. Finance minister Rodrigo Paz estimates the 1981 budget at $21.4 billion. Petroleum continues to be the main source of revenue for the Ecuadorean economy, almost 2.1 million barrels were exported during the first half of 1980.

Leon Roldos, president of the Monetary Board, said that economic growth for 1980 dropped by 1.1 percent compared to 1979 when it amounted to 5.6 percent.

PERU

SENATOR SAYS 'STATE OF SIEGE MAY BE DECLARED'

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[Excerpt] Lima, 17 Dec (TELAM)--Senator Javier Alva Orlandini, second vice president of the republic, has hinted at the possibility that a state of siege may be declared if acts of terrorism and violence continue to increase. Alva said that in such a situation the intervention of the armed forces might become necessary, an opinion already expressed by Aeronautics Minister Jose Gagliardi.

On the other hand and in contrast to this statement, Interior Minister Jose Maria de la Japa has said that the constitutional guarantees will not be suspended for the time being and that he trusts that the police forces will be sufficient to suppress terrorism in the interior and in the capital. He revealed, however, that the government will act more harshly and without mercy.

URUGUAY

DIALOGUE WITH POLITICAL PARTIES TO BE RESUMED

PY151838 Buenos Aires TELAM in Spanish 0150 GMT 14 Dec 80

[Text] Montevideo, 13 Dec (TELAM)--Gen Abdon Raimundez, chief of the armed forces political affairs commission, has said--in what people here considered a very important statement--that the government will start a new dialogue with Uruguayan political parties.

General Raimundez said: We have to start a dialogue. We Uruguayans are very civilized people and, therefore, we have to start exchanging ideas. Without communication, without a face-to-face dialogue, we cannot achieve anything good and everything we do will be worthless.

Asked who will be the political leaders called on for a dialogue, General Raimundez said that all alleged political leaders will be contacted since the true political leaders will appear soon thereafter. He said, however that the citizens are the ones who are responsible for electing their political leaders since otherwise they will be provisional or appointed.

Jorge Batlle, one of the leaders banned from political activity [words indistinct] (?member of the Colorado Party), said that he believes Raimundez' statement is very important.

VENEZUELA

HERRERA CAMPINS VIEWS MOVE TO DIVIDE OPEC

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[Text] Caracas, 14 Dec (AFP)--Venezuelan President Luis Herrera Campins stated today that "it is not surprising that no serious effort has been made by any world organization to halt the Iran-Iraq conflict." The president said that this "might be understood by many as an anti-OPEC action to divide this organization and to end its profitable and useful existence."

However, Herrera Campins said he is aware that there is a general trend among OPEC member countries to maintain it and to make it more operational with regard to world energy problems and the price of crude.

The Venezuelan president later expressed his confidence that the meeting in Bali, Indonesia, will strengthen the OPEC's sense of unity and will defend the just price of raw materials.

Venezuela was one of the chief promoters of the Bali conference which begins tomorrow, it was noted here.